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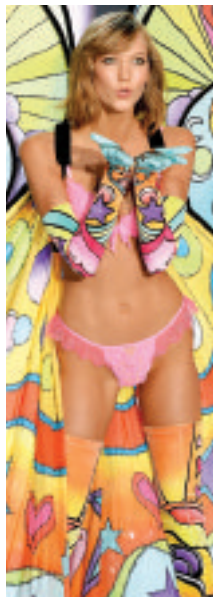
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Creepy crawler. A breed of cockroach that can survive in freezing weather has been discovered along the High Line.

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Cold-proof roaches found in Manhattan

Pest. Japanese cockroaches, which can survive freezing temperatures, were found on the High Line.

Watch out New Yorkers: These cockroaches won't shy from a winter wonderland.

An Asian cockroach that can survive cold climates was found for the first time in the U.S. along Manhattan's High Line, according to a study published in the *Journal of Economic Entomology*.

"This is a winter-ready cockroach," said Rutgers University biologist and study co-author Jessica Ware.

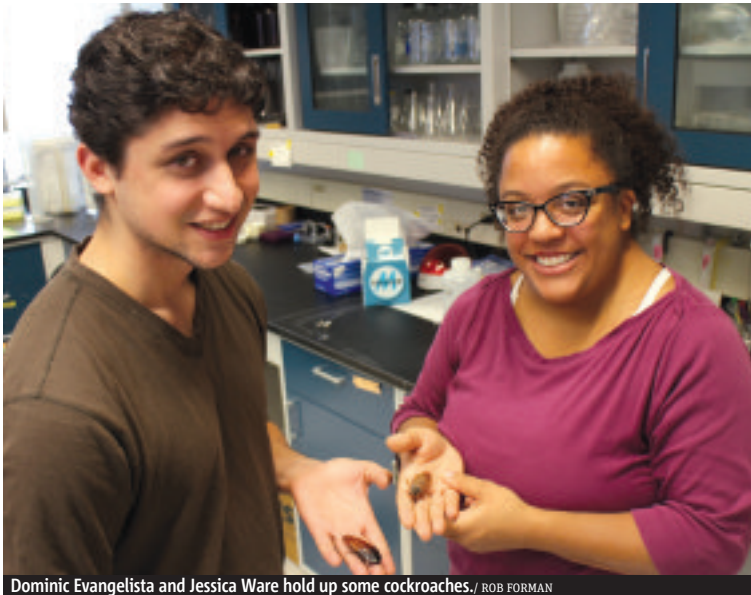
A few dozen dead cockroaches were collected by a city exterminator from the High Line last year and eventually sent to Ware's lab. There, study co-author Dominic Evangelista matched the insect's genes with the Japanese roach.

Unlike other cockroach varieties, *Periplaneta japonica* can survive in freezing temperatures, so they can lay eggs outside anytime.

Researchers said the roaches could take over other New York species.

Ware thinks the insects might have gotten to the city by "hitchhiking" on High Line plants.

It's too soon to tell if these beasts can best current pest-control measures,



Dominic Evangelista and Jessica Ware hold up some cockroaches. / ROB FORMAN



THE MALE, LEFT, AND FEMALE PERIPLANETA JAPONICA WERE FOUND ON THE HIGH LINE IN 2012.
LYLE BUSS, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Pest control

"We don't really know enough about this cockroach to understand what measures we have that will work against them."

Jessica Ware, Rutgers University biologist

but exterminators are wary.

"There are a few concerns with them," said Tom King, an M&M Pest Control exterminator. He said they might not respond to the same granular bait used to kill other cockroaches.

Urban etymologist Gil Bloom said the city is always getting new insect species.

"It shows how cosmopolitan New York is," said Bloom, president of Standard Pest Management.

As for Ware, she finds the roaches fascinating.

"But I still think they're gross," she added.

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Early winter



Snowy day / GETTY IMAGES

Record snowfall expected

Eleven days before the solstice, winter is making an early appearance in New York.

The city could get up to 4 inches of snow today during a fierce storm arriving in time to make a mess of the morning commute, according to the National Weather Service.

A low-pressure system from the west will bring the snow around 7 a.m. that will dwindle by late afternoon.

The projection would set a Dec. 10 record for the city, according to the NWS.

The city's Department of Sanitation issued a "snow alert" beginning at 6 a.m., noting that snow plows would be deployed as needed. Garbage and recycling collection may be delayed.

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In Queens

Cops seek info from man's visitor just before death

Police are seeking help in identifying a person who may have information on the death of a Queens man last week.

Noel Hidalgo, 58, was found with his hands bound behind his back and a fatal blunt force head injury in his Richmond Hill home on Dec. 4, police said.

Neighbors heard an argument from Hidalgo's apartment at about 1:30 a.m., cops said. That's some 14 hours before his body was found when family reported him missing.

Police are looking for the person with whom the victim was arguing. ANNA SANDERS

Green. City's largest solar installation finished in the Bronx

The city's largest solar installation was completed in the Bronx, officials announced Monday.

A 1.56-megawatt rooftop solar project was completed on Jetro Cash and Carry's Restaurant Depot facility in Hunts Point.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo

said the project demonstrates that large solar installations are possible in the city.

The project has more than 4,700 solar panels and is expected to generate 1.8 million kilowatt hours of clean energy a year for the business.

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Inner peace

Artist's street signs point New Yorkers toward happiness

A few weeks ago, unusual street signs began popping up around some of New York's most highly-trafficked areas. Put in place by a fictional Department of Well Being, the signs tell onlook-



The signs are out there.
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ers to "Honk Less, Love More," advise them that they are in a no-Facebook, no-Instagram zone, and encourage them to START rather than STOP.

The signs are the brainchild of British artist Killy Kilford, who moved to New York in January.

In a previous life, TIME reports, Kilford worked for Britain's Office of National Statistics, where his

job involved measuring well-being in the country.

His mission, he says, was "to give little moments of joy to New Yorkers and to understand what they thought of Happy Street Signs. We've asked almost 1,000 New Yorkers so far and will shortly be collating the data into a report for the Mayor's Office."

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De Blasio has spoken out against Airbnb. / GETTY IMAGES

Airbnb welcomes de Blasio and friends

Tourism. The Web company is still lobbying for acceptance by city authorities.

of the embattled website company.

At a Democratic mayoral forum on technology in April, then-candidate de Blasio spoke against the company, citing concerns over the comfort and security of permanent residents.

"The problem with mixing the two on the open market is you are exposing folks in a [residential] building [to] folks who are not part of that system," he said.

A spokeswoman for the mayor-elect said his previous comments on the company still represent his stance.

Airbnb investors also donated to de Blasio's mayoral campaign after the primary election, at which point de Blasio was leading the polls by unbeatable margins of nearly 50 percent.



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Airbnb released a video inviting friends and family of Mayor-Elect Bill de Blasio to come stay with "real New Yorkers" when visiting the city to attend the inauguration. Airbnb is a site that allows New Yorkers to rent apartments when visiting the city.

They even extended the invitation to de Blasio, should he find himself away from Park Slope.

"Mr. Mayor, if you're ever in Hamilton Heights you're always welcome to stay with me," one Airbnb user in the video says, subsequently echoed by apparent residents of Williamsburg and Astoria.

But de Blasio has historically not been a fan

Cash flow

A recent report by an urban planning firm found that Airbnb is a huge boost to the city's overall economy.

- Airbnb users do a great deal for outer-borough, lower-income neighborhoods that typically don't

benefit from traditional tourism, the study found.

- The study found Airbnb users on average spend more money within the local economy — at bodegas and smaller shops — than traditional tourists.


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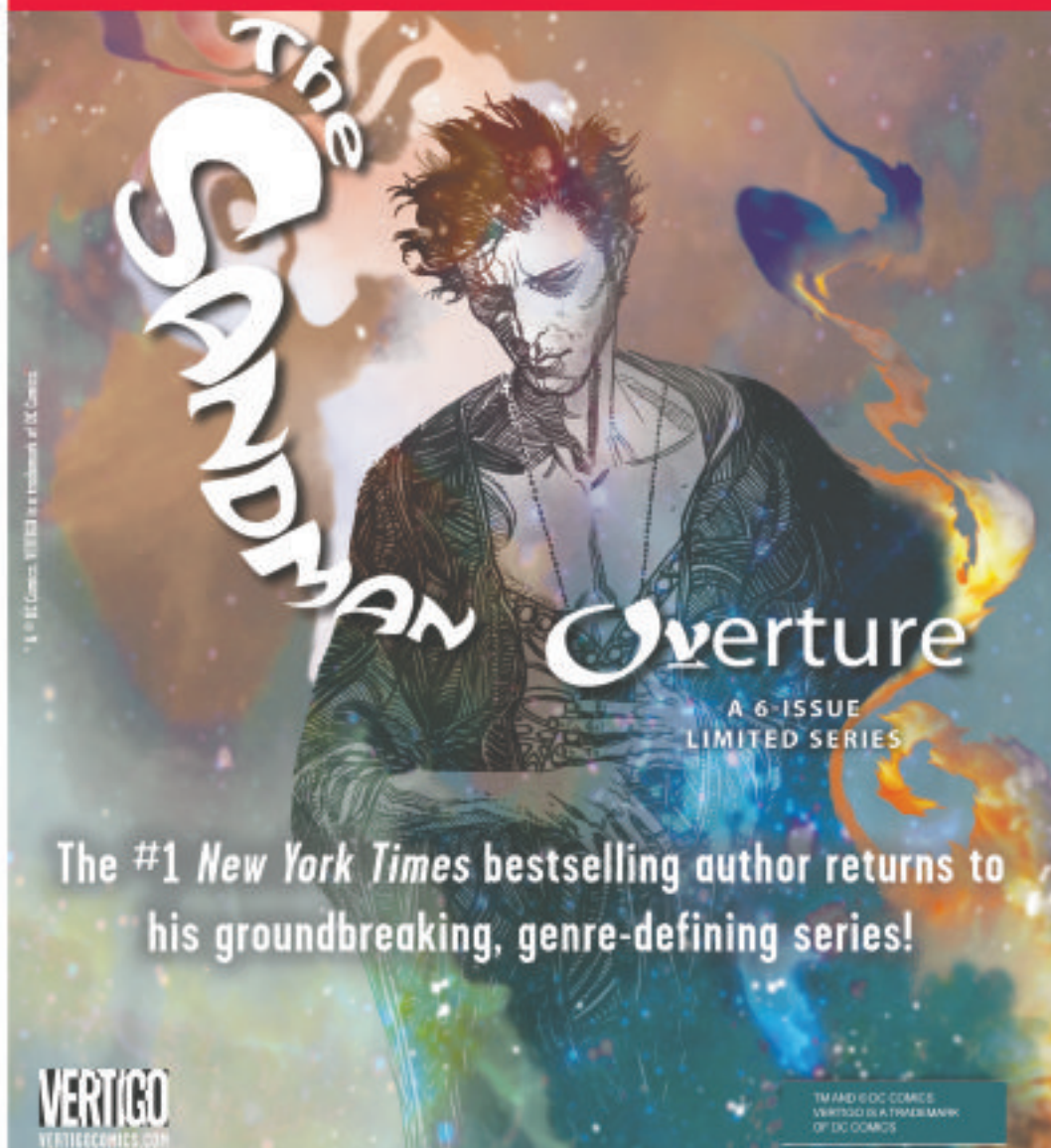
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MTA adds train line security features

Braking. On the heels of its deadly train derailment, the MTA is stepping up safety along the Metro-North line.

Metro-North is implementing immediate safety improvements one week after the fatal derailment of one of its trains in the Bronx, the MTA announced Sunday night.

Signal crews have installed new protections at the Spuyten Duyvil curve, the site of the crash, which will warn train engineers of the approaching speed reduction and automatically apply emergency brakes if the speed is not lowered to the 30 mph limit there.

The new protections at the Spuyten Duyvil curve were already in operation on Monday morning.

By today, the MTA says all Metro-North trains will have enhanced communication between train engineers and conductors to ensure trains are moving at safe speeds at a total of five critical curves and five movable bridges along Metro-North routes. In addition, Metro-North will reduce the maximum speed at 26 locations in order to eliminate areas where the speed limit drops by more than 20 mph.

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Signal crews have installed new protections at the Spuyten Duyvil curve. / COURTESY OF THE MTA

Analysis

Fixes to critical curves on Metro-North train lines

Metro-North engineers are developing new signal protections to automatically enforce speed restrictions at the other four critical curves by March, and at the five movable bridges by September. The critical curves

are at Yonkers on the Hudson Line, White Plains on the Harlem Line and both Port Chester and Bridgeport on the New Haven Line.

All movable bridges are on the New Haven Line.

The improvements are being made as part of an agreement between Metro-North and the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Safety rules

"Metro-North is taking important steps to improve safety for its customers and employees, and I expect the railroad will continue searching for ways to improve its operations and fully restore its commuters' confidence."

Thomas F. Prendergast
MTA Chairman and CEO

Stations welcome pop-up shops

After the success of the artsy Newsstand store at the Metropolitan G/L train station, and the recently opened Uniqlo at the Union Square subway hub, the Metropolitan Transit Authority is putting out a call for applications for six more pop-up shops in the city's underground mass transit system.

Applicants would occupy each site on a month-to-month basis while the MTA works

Underground shopping

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The number of new pop-up shops that the MTA plans on adding to the city subway system

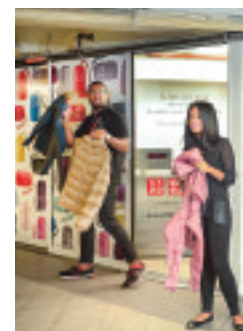
to secure permanent tenants.

The available locations are at the DeKalb Avenue B/Q/R in Brooklyn, two separate sites in the shuttle passage at the 42nd

Street/Grand Central 4/5/6/7/S station, the mezzanine level between the subway and the Long Island Railroad at the 61st Street-Woodside 7 station and two sites on the downtown and uptown platforms at the 50th Street 1 station in Manhattan.

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Times Square

Police hunt
suspect who
stabbed man
in the neck

Cops are looking for a suspect who stabbed another man in the neck near Times Square on Monday, police said.

The 45-year-old victim, who was not otherwise identified,

was stabbed by another man about 4 a.m. at West 42nd Street and Eighth Avenue. Police said he was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

Cops were looking for the assailant after he fled north on Eighth Avenue. Police describe him as a black man with gold teeth wearing a brown jacket.

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After incidents, shops post 'Customers' Bill of Rights'



Barneys garnered headlines after a college student said that they discriminated against him. / GETTY IMAGES

Shop & frisk. The measure comes after reports of racial profiling in NYC stores.

Major New York City retailers and civil rights groups have collaborated on a "Customers' Bill of Rights" in the wake of high-profile incidents of apparent racial profiling by security at Macy's and Barneys.

The bill of rights, posted on the National Action Network's website, outlines in what manner shoppers may be detained by security personnel and affirms the store's commitment to "ensuring that all shoppers, guests, and employees are treated with respect and dignity and are free from unreasonable searches, profiling, and discrimination of any kind."

The document is an effort between National Action Network leader Rev. Al Sharpton and representatives from retailers including Barneys, Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue, Bergdorf Goodman, Lord & Taylor and The Gap. The bill will be posted in the stores.

"We intend to stay on this until we can guarantee that racial profiling and shop and frisk become something of the past and that the boundaries are clear with NYPD and retailers," Sharpton said.



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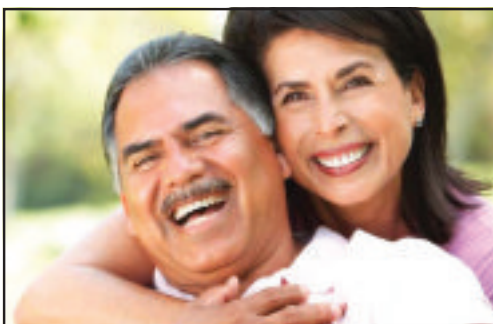
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Obama and Bush head to Mandela memorial

Partisan. The rare gathering is a sign of the respect Mandela held among both parties.

President Barack Obama, former President George W. Bush and their wives shared Air Force One on Monday on a flight to South Africa, where they will be joined by two other former presidents at a memorial service for the late Nelson Mandela.

As the three-day trip to Africa began, the leaders were joined in a conference room on the plane by Attorney General Eric Holder, national security adviser Susan Rice and Valerie Jarrett, a top adviser to Obama. "I think it's a unique experience, and I think they

all are remembering their different interactions with Nelson Mandela and his family," said Ben Rhodes, White House deputy national security adviser.

"He was a leader that intersected with so many different American political leaders of both parties over the years," Rhodes told reporters traveling aboard Air Force One.

Flying separately to Johannesburg were former Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter. The only surviving former president not traveling was Bush's father, George H.W. Bush. **REUTERS**

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Snow job. After Snowden's disclosure, Internet companies warned that U.S. businesses may lose revenue abroad.

Eight major U.S. Web companies, including Apple, Google and Facebook, made a joint call on Monday for tighter controls on how governments collect personal data, intensifying the furor over online surveillance.

In an open letter to President Barack Obama and Congress, the companies said recent revelations showed the balance had tipped too far in favor of the state in many countries and away from the individual.

In June, former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden exposed top secret government surveillance programs that tap into communications on cables linking technology companies' various data centers overseas.

"We understand that governments have a duty to protect their citizens," said the letter from the eight firms which also included Microsoft Corp., Twitter, LinkedIn Corp., Yahoo Inc. and AOL Inc.

"But this summer's revelations highlighted the urgent need to reform government surveillance practices worldwide." **REUTERS**

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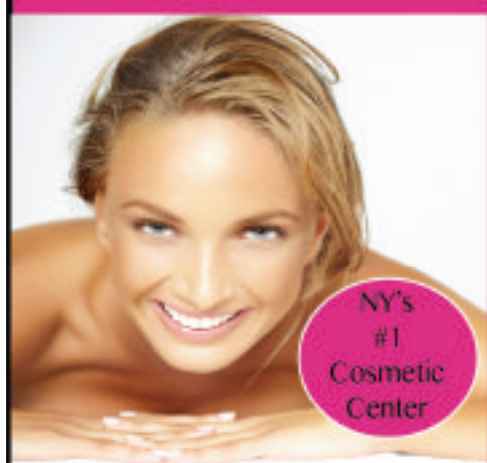


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Last-minute tips for cheap holiday travel

Money. Make it home for the holidays without coming back broke with these expert tips.

While it pays to book travel in advance, you aren't completely screwed if you haven't finalized your Christmas or New Year's trips yet. Bob Diener, co-founder of Hotels.com and GetARoom.com, shares his tips.

Plan strategically

Know what days to avoid traveling and what days offer the cheapest rates. "Dec. 21, 22 and 23 are the busiest days to travel, but you can get a much cheaper flight for the



Airports are notoriously extra busy during the holidays, so give yourself 50 to 100 percent more time than you usually need. / CREATAS

morning of Christmas Eve," Diener tells Metro. Unlike with Christmas, the same logic does not apply to New Year's — Diener says flights on New Year's Eve are pretty pricey. He also recommends avoiding using Jan. 5 as your return travel day. Heading home just a couple days earlier will save you a good percentage on flights.

Book a room at a boutique hotel

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a notebook or on your phone. By writing down every purchase you make — big or small — you'll become more conscious of your spending habits. You might even be surprised to see how much you spend each month on food, coffee or other routine purchases.

5 Ways to spend smartly

It can be tough to follow a strict budget at a time when you're constantly bombarded with opportunities to consume, especially when your life as a student means you're not exactly raking in the dough. Here are some simple solutions to reduce your spending that won't make you feel like you're sacrificing your quality of life. **RIANA TOPAN**

Think outside the box

You don't have to shell out cash every time you want to get together with friends. Instead of going out for drinks or dinner, host a potluck, a board game or movie night, or visit a museum or gallery (many are free during certain periods). You can also get together for a casual game of soccer or basketball. Hobbies that are in line with your interests — like starting a book club, jogging or joining a library where you can take out books, CDs and DVDs for free — can keep costs down while having fun.



Get creative in the kitchen

Buying ready-made food and drinks from restaurants, take-out joints or cafes is much less cost-effective than cooking at home. To help you make the

transition, carry portable snacks like fruit or granola bars in case you get hungry on the go. To save time on meal preparation, try doing most of your cook-

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Affleck's life is a 'crucible by flashbulb'

Ben Affleck says being a movie star is about as fun as being a suspected murderer, at least when it comes to love and marriage.

"The crucible by flashbulb," he told *Playboy* of his relationships with the Jennifers (Lopez and Garner). "It was magazines then, and those days are more or less gone. Now it's online, but it's the same thing. At the nadir of that I felt I was being treated worse than Scott Peterson, who at least got the benefit of the word 'alleged' when they talked about him."

On the other hand, Scott Peterson did not get paid millions of dollars for murdering his wife, nor did he get to marry the girl from "Alias." So being a movie star still seems like a slightly better career path than wife-killer. However, the resemblance between these two men is striking, no?



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Affleck and wife Jennifer Garner. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES



Lady Gaga debuts a dread-ful new look

(Psst: Someone tell Lady Gaga she has forgotten her shirt again!) The singer showed off her new Daenerys Targaryen-meets-Gwen Stefani look while at the Jingle Bell Ball at the O2 Arena on Sunday night in London.

Miley could be the Person of the Year

Time magazine Managing Editor Nancy Gibbs announced the shortlist for Person of the Year on the "Today" show yesterday and one inclusion may surprise you: Miley Cyrus.

Yes, the person most famous for flashing her vagina and twerking with a group of little people is in the running with President Obama, Pope Francis, Amazon founder

Jeff Bezos, Syria's President Bashar Assad, Iran's President Hassan Rouhani, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, Edward Snowden and gay rights activist Edith Windsor for the title.

"Power is not just political. It can be cultural, it can be spiritual. She came in like a wrecking ball, literally," Gibbs said, trying desperately to have the inclusion of Cyrus make sense. "At a time when you're living with an explosion of exhibitionism, since we all now carry cameras with us at all times, she is a symbol of the way we live."



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Talking point

West says life is at risk

Kanye West isn't sure everyone appreciates how dangerous his current tour is. "Like, I'm just giving of my body on the stage. I'm putting my life at risk, literally," West says in an interview with *SaturdayNightOnline.com*, citing some of the precarious set pieces involved in the live show. "I think about my family and I'm like, 'Wow, this is like being a police officer or something, in a war or something.'"

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Twitter feed

Today, Tony Hawk is not enjoying travel, Chloe Grace Moretz is in the holiday spirit and Mindy Kaling is learning about basketball.

@tonyhawk: Today I learned that de-icing a plane can take an extraordinarily long time... & the whole idea kinda freaks me out.

@ChloeGMoretz: the best feeling is listening to all i want for christmas is you with someone you love

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Lupe Fiasco: 'I'm not playing it safe'

Lupe Fiasco's fans call him the "realist rapper." The artist has never been shy about using his songs to speak his mind, especially when it comes to politics and social issues. So teaming up with Ed Sheeran to sing about love might come as a surprise.

"I was a little hesitant at first," Fiasco says about his collaboration with the red-headed Brit on his new single, "Old School Love." "My friend Guy Sebastian, who did 'Battle Scars' with me off my last album, told me I had to do it." It's good Fiasco took his friend's advice. The song is in heavy radio rotation and is steadily climbing the charts.

"Old School Love" is the first single off Fiasco's upcoming album, "Tetsuo

The basics

His backstage must-haves:

"There has to be Martini's apple juice. I ask for a lot of stuff on my rider, but there's always something missing. I'll ask for peanut butter and jelly, but won't get any bread. Or I'll get jelly, but the peanut butter and the knives are missing. That's always how it goes."

and Youth" (out early 2014), which the rapper says is darker than his past four albums. "Old School Love" is a very soft song, but the rest of the album is a bit harder and more

aggressive. I didn't want to make a soft and fluffy album," he says.

Unlike his last album, Fiasco is steering clear of politics on his new record, but the tracks are by no means "safe." One song, "Crack," is about crack cocaine, and in "Blur My Hands," he raps about road rage. "The song is about people flipping you the bird, but it's about taking that and saying you're actually No. 1."

Fiasco is previewing his new songs on the tour, but he'll of course be showcasing his old hits like "Kick Push" and "Superstar" — and he will be paying close attention to the audience to see who knows the words. "One of my most memorable fan encounters was of this guy who was a

Music. He may be keeping politics out of his new songs, but the rapper swears he hasn't gone soft.

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couple rows from the front and he knew the words to every song — even the small weird songs and the limited edition songs," Fiasco says. "I ended up bringing him on stage."

Now that Fiasco's been on the scene for a while, he's using his fame to introduce new talent. Mickey Factz, New Orleans rapper Dee-1 and Chicago-based Boy Illinois are all sharing the stage with Fiasco throughout the 32-city tour. "They've just been killing it," Fiasco says. "Now that I'm a sort-of veteran, I'm more excited about seeing my homies come up and shine than I am about playing stadiums or seeing people jump around."

It seems Fiasco really is all about the love these days.

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body upon a young actress.

One need not look far for its inspiration. As it happens, Amis' sole screenwriting credit remains "Saturn 3," a 1980 sci-fi and bad cinema classic that boasts Kirk Douglas, 64, cavorting with Farrah Fawcett on a remote space station. But there's more: Harvey Keitel, with a ponytail, dubbed by a less Brooklyn-accented voice artist. There's also a randy 8-foot robot with no head.

Even the ambitious Amis-head won't be able to find authorial marks. Even stranger is the director's credit: musical king Stanley Donen ("Singin' in the Rain"). Its sleek, dark sets are always worth gawking at. Watch it with the sound off and it almost seems good.



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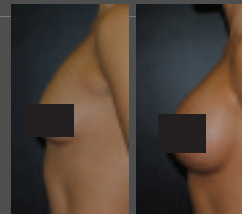
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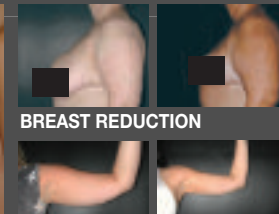
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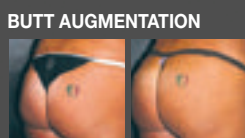
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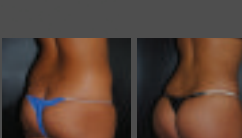
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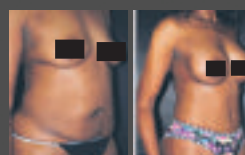
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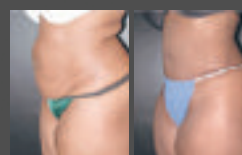
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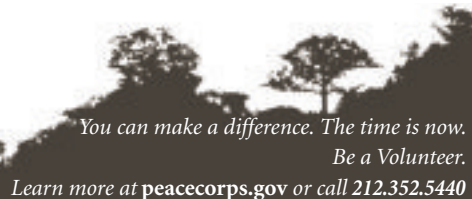
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Penn Jillette is the one that speaks; Teller is the one that doesn't. That's how the magicians and professional debunkers have done it for years. In truth, Teller has spoken publicly a couple of

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The magician and debunker opens up about his new film, "Tim's Vermeer."

HE SPEAKS!

times. And in person, of course, Teller can speak — eloquently, verbosely and engagingly. With the documentary "Tim's Vermeer," which he directed and Jillette produced, they watch as inventor Tim Jenison tries to prove a theory: that post-Renaissance artists, notably the artist Johannes Vermeer, may have used optics to create the era's photo-realistic paintings.

How did you come to direct this solo?

[Jillette and Jenison] knew I was obsessed with making things clear. And there's a lot of crazy stuff that needs to be made clear in this movie. They knew I was good at telling a story. I was more excited than nervous. I should have been more nervous.

There's an interesting dialogue between new and old technologies in this film.

From the beginning, this was about time travel. It was about Tim's desire to take this invention back



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It's not like an episode of your and Penn's show "Bulls—!"

We had at one point thought to make it exactly like a "Bulls—!" episode. To get the clarity of this very complicated idea and to make it easy and fun

for the audience, we really had to cut out everything peripheral. This really is only the story of Tim making the painting. It's not a polemic. We're not arguing with anyone. There are no villains in this movie. It's a really weird movie. It's just about a guy with a longing to go into the past and test his theory.

to Vermeer's day and test it under the exact same circumstances Vermeer may have worked under.

Though you and Penn have a long history of debunking, this doesn't really engage in the debate over the thesis's veracity.

There's no historical artifacts and no written evidence that Vermeer used this method.

However, there is progressively more strong evidence that there are artifacts in the paintings. Tim has discovered more in a recent scan of that painting [the one he recreates in the film]. But it's not surprising that they would be interested in technology. It was post-Renaissance, and they were manufacturing good quality optics. They were manufacturing lenses and

mirrors. The microscope had been invented. Telescopes were very popular among science hobbyists. So the idea that lenses would be available is not even slightly far-fetched.

It's a very contemplative film. It watches the grunt work of creating art.

You watch Tim copying, dot-by-dot, everything he sees in the mirror. I think a lot of people who've seen this movie who are in the arts feel like it's telling their story. In many ways, it's a movie about how to get to beauty: You've got to go through ugliness. You have to go through suffering and pain. There's ugliness, suffering — and in our case lots of jokes, because fortunately for us, Tim is not a very serious guy.



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TV watch list

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'The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show'

Hey fellas, it's here! Your favorite night of TV programming of the year! Except maybe the Super Bowl or whatever, if you're a sports guy. Ladies, saddle up to a pint of Ben and Jerry's and prepare to seethe in silent jealousy — it will all be over soon. Yep, it's the annual parade of half-naked, beautiful women with improbably perfect bodies, usually wearing wings. **10 P.M., CBS**

DRAMA

'Sons of Anarchy'

Remember when Charlie Hunnam was going to play Christian Grey, but then he got all scared that he'd turn into Jessie

Spano or something? Well, at least bailing on "Fifty Shades" (which is probably going to be a steaming pile of not-very-good smut, if we're being honest) left him plenty of time to concentrate on channeling all that steely, masculine energy into Jax. Speaking of Jax, he's got plenty of drama to deal with in tonight's big season finale. **SEASON FINALE, 10 P.M., FX**

AWARD SHOW

'American Country Awards'

Wait, is this different than the CMAs? At this awards show, which is fan-voted, it appears that Carrie Underwood will NOT be performing, though Darius Rucker (Hootie!) will. She's probably resting her pipes after that triumphant "Sound of Music" performance. Ha ha ha, just kidding. That was terrible. **8 P.M., FOX**
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Is Hannah your "Girls" alter ego? Take this quiz and find out. / HBO

Books. "The Unofficial Girls Guide to New York" scopes out the characters' favorite spots. Find out which Girl you'd have the most fun hanging out with.

Gear up for season three of "Girls" by getting to know Hannah, Jessa, Marni and Shoshanna's favorite haunts. The writers behind "The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook" have just released "The Unofficial Girls Guide to New York," exploring the hot spots the characters hit up on the show.

Even if you don't live in New York and are just

a fan of the show, you'll enjoy getting the inside scoop on those Bushwick warehouse parties and the gallery scene Marni loves. Plus, there's plenty of recipes to try, like Elijah and Hannah's Oberlin burritos.

Wondering which Girl you gel with the most? Take this quiz, based on info from the book.

1 You wake up with a killer hangover. For a cure you:

- A** Head to Cafe Grumpy, ASAP.
- B** Make yourself a Bloody Mary.
- C** Go for a run and take a long shower.
- D** Buy a bagel and spend the day watching "Sex and the City" reruns.

2 What is your go-to breakfast food?

- A** Peanut butter straight

from the jar, preferably Peanut Butter & Co. cinnamon raisin swirl.

- B** Something meaty, creamy and delicious.
- C** Who needs food? All you need is wine. Lots of wine.
- D** Cupcakes. At first you insist they are from Little Cupcake Bakeshop, but after the fifth one, you don't care anymore.

3 How would you describe your neighborhood?

- A** Rundown, but at least there's a bar with \$2 PBRs.
- B** Full of yuppies.
- C** Every apartment looks perfect, but you suspect it's just a facade.
- D** You never tire of the quiet streets and prewar buildings.

4 The parentals are in town. Where do you take them?

- A** Serendipity for ice

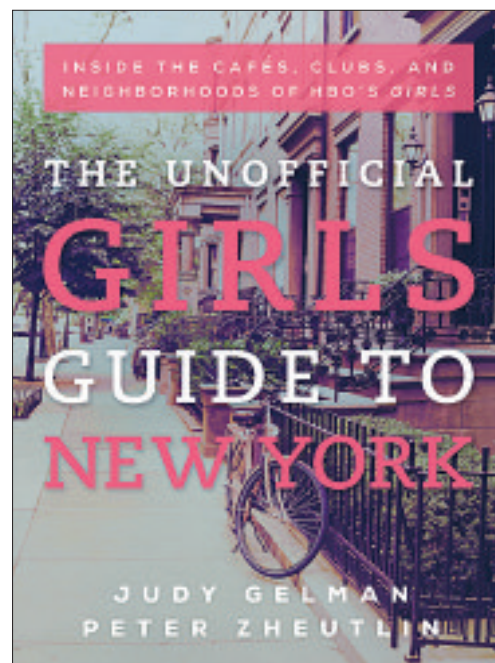
cream.

- B** Out for barbecue. Your parents aren't into the fancy city restaurant thing.
- C** Lunch somewhere nice with outdoor seating, which makes for an easy escape.
- D** The best restaurant you can think of. It's not like you're paying.

5 What is your favorite way to spend a day off?

- A** Writing at your favorite cafe, then cooking homemade pad thai.
- B** Vintage shopping at Beacon's Closet.
- C** Window shopping for things you can't afford while wondering what you're doing with your life.
- D** Reading Cosmo while watching reality TV.

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Answer key

- **Mostly As:** Hannah She may be misunderstood to virtually everyone else, but you and Hannah just get each other. "The Unofficial Girls Guide to New York" has plenty of recipes that

will nourish your body and soul. Melty cheese pretzel, anyone?

- **Mostly Bs:** Jessa You're young, wild and free, just like Jessa. "The Unofficial Girls Guide to

New York" has the perfect Ben & Jerry's White Russian recipe for you to make when you invite your friends over to your bohemian home.

- **Mostly Cs:** Marni

Like Marni, you know that when life gives you lemons, it's OK to soak in the bitterness for a while. Ditch the duds who bring you down and follow the advice in "The Unofficial Girls Guide to New York,"

hitting up places rich in culture ... and single people with money.

- **Mostly Ds:** Shoshanna Like Shosh, sometimes people underestimate how adventurous you are

and next year, you will prove them wrong. Use "The Unofficial Girls Guide to New York" to learn the ins and outs of warehouse parties. That way you won't end up naked and on drugs ... again.

Angels spill beauty tips at Victoria's Secret show



Watch the ladies strut their stuff tonight when the Victoria's Secret show airs on CBS at 10 p.m. / WIREIMAGE, RANDY BROOKE

Backstage interviews. Over the buzz of the blow dryer, we caught up with models behind-the-scenes.

The Angels have some explaining to do. Based on their tips backstage at the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, the perfect bod is just a glass of water and a few yoga classes away. We're not buying it, ladies. As they glammed up and spoke out about their beauty routines, we couldn't help but look for any traces of real girl behavior. Spoiler alert: Someone ate fast food the night before the show. **ANISA ARSENAULT AND ROMINA MCGUINNNESS**



Behati Prinsloo

How did you gear up for this year's show?

I tried to be more healthy, eat more protein and substantial food, cut out sugar and bread and stuff. Other than that, I worked out more and got focused.

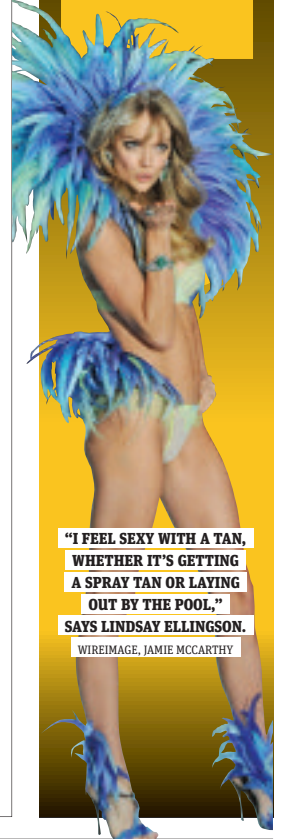
What are some of your everyday beauty tips?

Always wearing a sunblock is really important — and having a good mascara and lip balm is a good, easy trick. Also, smoky eyes always look good.

What are you looking forward to most after tonight's show?

Eating pizza with my fellow Angels. Me and Lily [Aldridge] are setting up this pizza party, it's going to be awesome.

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What's your favorite part about doing the show?

I like that we get so healthy and so in shape. This time of year I eat right, I work out, I eat lots of extra greens. It's almost like — not a detox — but I'm taking out sugar and alcohol.

What happens after the show?

I take it all back in. Welcome! I need french fries. I'm really craving them. I had some last night, though. My husband was eating Shake Shack, and I was like, "Excuse me, in front of me?" And I was eating a kale salad with quinoa, it's actually really good.

You're in sick shape. How did you get ready?

I just started Ballet Beautiful with Mary Helen Bowers. When I first came to her I was like, "This is never going to work," because I like hardcore workouts. The results are similar to Pilates. I also love boxing with Michael Olajide.

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Lily Aldridge

What are some of your beauty tips?

I think having beautiful, glowing skin is always amazing. I try to drink a lot of water; I drink tons of coconut water. I eat clean, simple, organic foods — lots of avocado, salmon and stuff like that because it's so good for your skin. I love Burt's Bees makeup remover. It's the best.

How do you get ready to model lingerie?

I work out five to six days a week, for an hour and a half each time. I also make sure I take one or two days off when I do nothing but relax — you need to rest.

As an Angel, is there a particular body area you've not been told to tone but know you have to tone?

I try and not worry about what other people say. Everyone has their flaws. ... But leading up to the show, I'll do like, a billion butt lifts.

All grown up

Karlie Kloss

The newly 21-year-old Angel lets us in on her cocktail of choice and favorite places to frequent in NYC.

You debuted a drastic haircut last year. Are you planning on growing it out? My short hair is so much easier in the morning. And it's different for me. Last year at this time was when I first cut it and shocked everyone. I've gotten used to it now and I really love it.

Any beauty tips? When you're with a boy, it's always nice to have your hair smell good! It's better than perfume. I also love to rub a little olive oil on my hands and my legs for a nice sheen.

You're a New Yorker now, what are your favorite hangouts?

I recently moved to the West Village, and I love Cafe Cluny. I always go there for brunch. I also love Soul Cycle.

You recently turned 21, what's your favorite cocktail? A mojito!



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if they want to get extra creative.

After molding — which is surprisingly easy — kids can stick special decals (included) on their car, add the wheels and then they're ready to roll. With enough materials included to make 10 cars, this kit is a great deal.

Wax refill packs can be purchased separately so you can keep using the molds without having to buy an entire new car making set. It's a great toy for kids to play by themselves, but it's also interactive enough to play during a birthday party or other friendly get-togethers.

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The best toys of 2013

If you're clueless about what to get kids for the holidays this year, look no further than the Toy Industry Association's list of the best toys of the year. The TIA breaks down the top 84 toys across 12 categories. For a complete list and to vote for your favorite, head to toyawards.org.

Metro highlights a few favorites here. **EMILY LAURENCE**



Disney "Planes" U-Command Supercharged Dusty

Disney "Planes" lovers will enjoy this toy, nominated for Boy Toy of the Year. While the plane doesn't actually fly, kids can control Dusty with a remote control joystick to make it move, spin around and get the propellers going. With

over 1,000 action combo sequences to try, kids will have fun discovering new ways to play with Dusty each time.

Dusty also says 20 phrases — which kids will recognize from the movie — and makes sputtering and flying sound effects. It's interactive enough that it's more fun than a stationary plane toy, while still being easy enough to play with that a 4-year-old can operate. **\$49.99, ages 4+**



Boom Boom Balloon

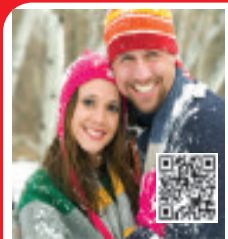
This Game of the Year nominated toy is fun for kids and adults. It comes with 12 happy-face balloons, and the point of the game is to keep them from popping.

The way you play is by putting a balloon in a contraption surrounded by plastic sticks. Players roll the dice to see how

many "clicks" they have to press a stick into the balloon. Each click gets the balloon closer to popping and players anticipate a loud "pop" with every turn. You lose when — boom! — you pop the balloon.

When you use up the 12 balloons that come with the game, regular balloons can also be used. It's a great game for the whole family to play together. **\$19.99, ages 8+**

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Laser Maze, nominated for Specialty Toy of the Year, is the first logic game with a real laser. Players use the lasers and mirrors to beam through a series of mind games, which serves as a fun

challenge.

Seeing the laser light beam off the mirrors seems like magic, which kids will love. The game comes with 60 different challenge cards, which serve as brainteasers players must use the laser and mirrors to complete.

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Holiday advice from Twitter's funniest moms

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If you find the term "winter break" ironic because your kids are driving you nuts and you still have a ton to do before the end of the year, laughter can only help. Metro rounded up some of social media's most popular moms and asked for their advice on how to survive the holiday season. Here's what they had to say:

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♑ **Capricorn** | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Move along at your own speed. Refrain from letting anyone push you into something that you have reservations about.

♒ **Aquarius** | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Issues involving honesty are likely to arise. Set anyone straight who may not understand what you want or think. A judicious compromise will help you.

♓ **Pisces** | Feb. 19-March 20. Offer favors and address issues concerning contracts. Getting together with someone from your past will pay off.

♈ **Aries** | March 21-April 20. Unpredictable behavior can work for and against you. Stick to your usual means and methods at work, but use the element of surprise when socializing.

♉ **Taurus** | April 21-May 21. Offer your skills. Expanding your interests and knowledge will also encourage new friendships with someone from your past.

♊ **Gemini** | May 22-June 20. Empty promises are likely. Take precautions and get what you want in writing. Don't be afraid to make an unexpected change.

♋ **Cancer** | June 21-July 22. Readdress a situation that is constantly changing. Let go of the past to give yourself the freedom to take advantage of a situation that could improve your life.

♌ **Leo** | July 23-Aug. 22. Try new things, meet new people and enjoy being a participant today. Don't let anyone dictate what you can and cannot do.

♍ **Virgo** | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Be proactive. Changes going on at home may not be to your liking at first, but be patient.

♎ **Libra** | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. If you face unexpected situations with grace, dignity and sound common sense, you will come out ahead. Don't jump to conclusions.

♏ **Scorpio** | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Do whatever it takes to finish what you start. Dedication will count for much when it comes to making an impression. Travel or revisiting old friends will be eventful. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

It's a good time for a third party

Re: 'Most youth unhappy with Obama's job performance' (Metro, Dec. 5) Young Americans do have another choice, and that is forming a third party. I don't think either party is a desirable alternative over the other at this point in history. I voted for Obama because he promised to end business as usual — all rhetoric, little action. Wall Street criminals have not been charged, there are illegal assassinations with drones, Guantanamo is still open, the disparity in income is much greater, and there is no single-payer health plan. Time to think out of the box! **JUDY RUBIN, VIA EMAIL**

Guilty verdict in poetic license case

Re: 'Chimp rights case reaches court' (Metro, Nov. 5) If you were doing a story about rabbits and chose for your headline a reference to mice, people would think you were either ignorant or stupid. And yet in an article about chimpanzees, you opened with "monkeying around," implying the chimps are monkeys (newsflash: they are apes). A mouse is closer from an evolutionary standpoint to a rabbit than a monkey is to an ape. **ALAN GILBERT, VIA EMAIL**

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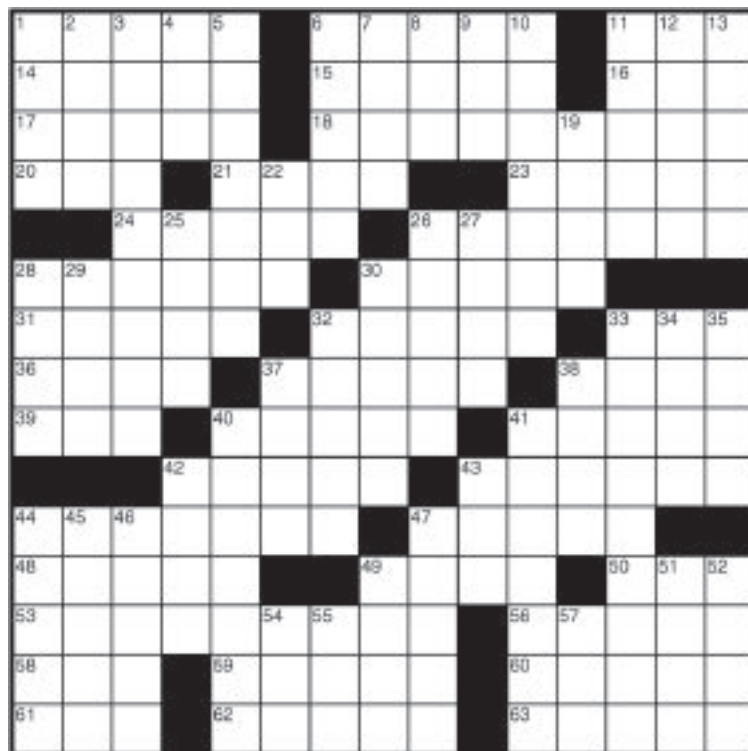
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- 11 Flow back
- 14 Very pale
- 15 Just right
- 16 London lav
- 17 Swift-footed
- 18 Clove-scented flower
- 20 Hebrew T
- 21 List component
- 23 Get in touch with
- 24 Made a mad dash
- 26 Dropped by
- 28 Inclined gently
- 30 Hues
- 31 Sank, as a putt
- 32 Drinks like a pirate
- 33 Beaded shoe
- 36 Sailed through
- 37 Archaeology find
- 38 Wait
- 39 Sellout
- 40 Maureen of film
- 41 A Muppet
- 42 Seize the throne
- 43 Scrapes the windshield
- 44 Hiker's problem
- 47 Tug's tow
- 48 Fluffy quilt
- 49 French Legion headgear
- 50 Tumbler's pad

Down

- 53 Spartacus, e.g.
- 56 Manicurist's board
- 58 Sigh of content
- 59 Distinct
- 60 Wallop
- 61 PFC superior
- 62 Auburn tint
- 63 Parish donation
- 1 Ride the rapids
- 2 Cuba, to Castro
- 3 Malibu maker
- 4 Giggler's syllable
- 5 Lured
- 6 Chopped fine
- 7 Mr. Sandler
- 8 Sea, to Yvette
- 9 Uncle or granddad
- 10 Flies by
- 11 Crime fighter — Ness
- 12 Kentucky explorer
- 13 Prepared fish
- 19 Out of — world
- 22 Turner of media
- 25 Parroted
- 26 Monsieur's shout
- 27 "Bus Stop" author
- 28 Bygone ruler
- 29 Focal points
- 30 Nerd
- 32 Beatles' drummer

- 33 Thanksgiving pie
- 34 "Garfield" pooch
- 35 Average grades
- 37 "Soapdish" actress
- 38 Ship's cooler
- 40 Largest bird
- 41 Most uncanny
- 42 Bought at a flea market
- 43 Skip stones
- 44 Got going
- 45 Soft purple
- 46 Boise's state
- 47 Mantle teammate
- 49 Zen riddle
- 51 Principal
- 52 Youngster
- 54 Malt beverage
- 55 Half a score
- 57 2001, to Ovid

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Yankees to install Mandela plaque

Nelson Mandela's visit to the old Yankee Stadium on June 21, 1990 made headlines around the world. Now, it will be permanently commemorated with a plaque in the new Yankee Stadium's Monument Park. The plaque will be installed on Jackie Robinson Day next April 15.

Torre takes spot in Cooperstown

MLB. The former Yankees manager was unanimously selected to the Hall of Fame Monday.

The most celebrated manager of New York baseball's modern era is going to Cooperstown.

The expansion era committee selected former Yankees manager Joe Torre to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Monday morning as the Winter Meetings commenced in Orlando, Fla.

"It hits you like a sledgehammer," Torre said. "I can't tell you how excited I am."

Fellow managers Bobby Cox, formerly of the Braves, and Tony La Russa, of the Athletics and Cardinals, were also selected.

All three managers were unanimous selections.

Torre won four World Series in New York and had a 1,173-767 record in 12 seasons. He won the title in 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2000, and led the Yankees to World Series appearances in 2001



Joe Torre is carried off the field after winning the 2000 World Series title against the crosstown Mets in five games. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"People [said], 'Oh, don't worry about it.' Yeah, well, that's what they said when I was up 3-0 against the Red Sox [in 2004], 'Don't worry about it.' You hoped."

Joe Torre, former Yankees manager
On people telling him he was a lock to make the Hall of Fame

and 2003. Torre defeated Cox's Braves for his first title in 1996 and again in 1999 for his third title.

Torre may have gained

celebrity in the Bronx, but he actually began his managerial career with the Mets in 1977. He finished his career with

three seasons with the Dodgers after an acrimonious divorce from the Yankees in 2007.

"I played for 18 years, but the only thing that meant anything to me was the World Series," Torre said. "It was the greatest time in my professional life, my time with the Yankees."



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By the numbers

50.4

Joe Torre earned 50.4 percent (1,173) of his career managerial wins as manager of the New York Yankees.

.363

Torre, who had a storied career as a player as well, batted a league-best .363 in 1971 with the Cardinals when he won the NL MVP. He also had a league-best 137 RBIs and 230 hits.

22.2

Torre never received more than 22.2 percent of the writers' vote (75 percent is necessary for induction) to be elected as a player. His highest total came in 1997, after winning a World Series as manager.

7,556

The trio of Tony La Russa (2,726), Bobby Cox (2,504) and Torre (2,326) won 7,556 games in their managerial careers.

.484

Torre's career winning percentage with the Mets, Braves, Cardinals and Dodgers was .484 (1,153-1,230), while it was .605 (1,173-765) with the Yankees.

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Former Yankees owner George Steinbrenner and former Yankees manager Billy Martin were among the nominees to receive six or fewer votes out of 16. You need 12 votes to be elected.

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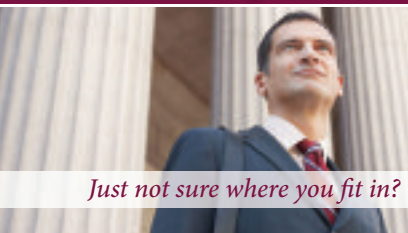
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